

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 11, 2012

VFW Building

9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Rose Soulier, Tribal Chairperson.

ROLL CALL:

Rose Soulier, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Joanne Peterson, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Robert Bear, Present

Quorum

In attendance: Mark Montano, Director Tribal Operations, David Ujke, Tribal Attorney, Robert Pokorney General manager, John Larson, Tribal CFO, Division Administrators and Community members.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Mark Montano.

AGENDA

Dennis Soulier moved to approve agenda. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Mike Gurnoe moved to go back to Regular Session. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Joanne Peterson moved to authorize the Director of Tribal Operations to oversee the #1105 General fund account. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

Joanne Peterson moved to hold the monetary and donation requests until further notice. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to leave Mercie Gordon on the Pow-wow Committee as a member. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Send letter to her informing her of this action and cc it to the Pow-wow Committee. Motion carried.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to remove Sam Morris from the Pow-wow Committee per recommendation. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Discussion held on the pow-wow site at the Casoria property and the current site, question asked about the Church Counsel involvement. Marvin Defoe moved to have the pow-wow remain on the Church property and to come up with a two to three year comprehensive plan between the pow-wow committee and planning department on the Casoria property. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Chairperson

An Annual Report was given to the membership on January 26, 2012 and the report was better than last years.

Every Monday Administration meets with the Law Enforcement, Casino accounting and General Manager along with Compliance to discuss issues. Other Council members are invited to attend if interested.

Attended the MAST meeting in Washington DC. We were able to get a resolution in support of the reauthorization of TANF passed by the governing body which is made up of 32 tribal leaders from the Midwest. We also brought up the impact the funding problems are having on our TANF program and how this affects our membership. We are not the only tribe that this is affecting and this resolution was part of the packet for the hills visit. Thanks to Deb Morris for helping get this resolution together and showing her leadership at this meeting.

We continued mediation sessions with DOJ and both Bayfield County and the Bayfield School District. We are schedule to sign the MOU's in April of 2012. I want to thank our team which included Marvin Defoe, Dee Gokee-Rindal, Lynne Basina, Carmen Vander Venter and Bill Mertig.

Ethics Policy was approved for Council, Committees and Boards, employees approved and set it prior to that.

Shakopee has approved 12 million for our new health clinic and we also got approved for another 1 million dollar grant to be used to renovate the youth center, roof on ECC, fix the fishermen's dock, library having an architect and engineer on board.

Discussion held on the mining bill, Leo LaFernier suggested making Red Cliff's concerns known the biggest reason being our health of our members and who they sell it to (fish). Marvin is involved with Bad River on this issue and will be talking to BIA, EPA etc.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve Chair's Report. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman

Weekly meetings are held to keep ahead of the issues. Law Enforcement will have a shortfall of \$165,000 next year, the meetings are used to problem solve issues.

As the Chair mentioned we received 12 million for the new health clinic. We need to start thinking what will be done with the old one in discussions.

Headstart has been involved with the sugar bush and I have been helping the kids, been involved with the Bayfield School too, this keeps the kids involved with nature. It should be required that all students learn Red Cliff's history, it is important.

Frog Bay National Park is being noted at the national level and it's a positive for Red Cliff and the community.

The Business Board will be meeting on Friday. Credit is given to Mike Gurnoe who pushed for separating politics and business. There will be economic opportunities for the community. Involved with the old Isle Vista Casino to demolish it, one idea was to have an auction for community members to get materials off of it. Another interest is beautician work. I will have a full report next month.

Held a meeting with Superintendent of National Park Service regarding access to Bass Island for camping, taxi services, and exploring idea's for tourism and discussing positive topics.

Dept. of Agriculture, look at Lake Superior as a garden, could use the concept like the farmers who receive assistance for natives. The department of agriculture gets \$145 billion budget to work with. This is the time to address the issues, will be working to pursue it.

Discussion held on the old dock, question asked if it will be bid out. No decisions made on it, working on it. Turk as Chairman of the Fishing Committee would like to be kept informed. There is a meeting Monday and it will be discussed.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve Vice Chairs Report. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

Planner

The Tribe received total funding for \$13,750,000 for the new Health Clinic. We have a new planner at the office, Linda Barnes she was the Administrator of Brick foundation in Ashland.

Need to push on the cell tower the Economic Development Corporation should focus on this as a benefit and need. I am working on expenditures of the existing million dollar grant with approximately \$221,000 remaining to be spent.

The Tribe was notified they will be receiving \$180,000 for septic replacement. This will occur within the year and \$130,000 previous years funding.

Federal transit, will be meeting with Bart and Bad River this week. Bart has experience running a door to door service. Jeff Benton and Kathy Barri are negotiating on it tomorrow.

A management plan needs to be created for the scenic corridor including all townships, county, municipalities and Red Cliff along 71 miles running from the intersection of Hwy 2 and 13 to Port Wing.

Leo LaFernier brought up the topic of forest products and Red Cliff harvesting it for a wake house etc. Other Tribes have done this already. Marvin Defoe and Randy Hella can check on it.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve Planners Report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Director of Tribal Operations

Program Tribal priorities have been put on the Tribal web site for review. Assistant Secretary Echohawk was instrumental in getting us more funding and he will be leaving and will be replaced by Donald "Del" Laverdure serving as the Acting Assistant Secretary.

Annual Report went out to membership. It has improved this year and with a good job done by Jeanne Gordon. Discussed problems and issues concerned with adequate revenues not being picked up in other areas. We use tax charges as revenue.

Question asked on AODA assessment. Diane Erickson explained it is finished and are waiting for the final report which should be in shortly. The Health Board has asked for a report too. Question asked about the snowmobile that went in the lake if there were any citations issued. Chad Abel will check with the wardens on this. Discussed issues on computers that are within all offices.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve DTO Report. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Police Commission

Bill Mertig gave stats on number of cases per officer and compared to other agencies. Looking at a grant to upgrade case management and interacting with other departments by radios. The radios are already here and we will have training on it.

Working on CTAS grant for 1.5 million planning for 7 officers, have a friendly officer in the school, ECC and the youth center for one on one and four full time officers. We have received tremendous support for the project. The grant is due April 22, 2012. Discussed the concern that the commission is also applying for these same funds. A letter is to be drafted up for Leo to take to the next meeting of the commissions on Councils concern. Bill Mertig and Betty Kerr to assist with writing up the letter.

Joanne Peterson moved to approve Police Report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Utilities Commission

New electron water meters will be installed in all homes and business's by LTE employees. After all meters are installed a rate schedule will be established. Ed Sindelar stated a draft Utility Ordinance, rate Schedule will go to the Utility Commission by mid –May and to the Council in June of 2012. Question was asked about a public hearing on this, it will be done if instructed.

The arrears reduction program people are taking advantage of it and reducing their bills. On shut offs there is a reconnection fee associated with it.

Certification testing will be done the first week of May and if Travis Barningham and Ronnie Wilcox pass the test they will be a grade one and then start the process for up to a grade two.

Question was asked if Water and Sewer can use the pumping trucks. Ed Sindelar stated we are not set up to do this and will need to get more funding for a septic station to add to the facility, we do have the capability for it. The Commission is looking at residents pass Ben Gordon, Roy's Point as customers and assist paying for infra-structures.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve Utilities Report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Housing Report

USDA funds Phase III, 1 million dollar loan to build 8 apartment buildings, we need a LLC which was de-certified and has been recertified for the project. Refinanced the 184 loan Phase I interest lowered for a savings after 9 months. An initial payment financed 10 units not covered by the 184 program for \$30,000.

Joe Bressette worked with Corp for Supportive housing people to set up workshop on how to establish supportive housing. Also two Board members and one staff went to Washington, DC to attend the annual legislative conference of the National American Indian Housing Council in February of 2012. The budget will be equal to last year's budget.

The Red Cliff Housing hosted the Lac du Flambeau Housing Authority for a one day exchange of issues and shared problems.

Quarterly ATTA reports sent in. Phase I won't be an audit but a report of the status on the project. M & I accepted it and we won't be out of compliance. Phase II still pending, an audit is triggered when WHEDA issues a certain closeout report.

The new development for 8 apartment buildings will be west of the Richard Gurnoe Villa on Watertower Road.

New tax credit application to rehab 40 units on existing stock and rehab housing headquarters. We should be hearing soon on funding.

Audit due by June 2012. Joe Bressette plans to leave by Mid May and the position will be posted. Joe would like to remain on as a part time position.

Joanne Peterson moved to approve Housing Report. Seconded by Robert Bear. One abstention (Dennis Soulier) Motion carried.

OTHER

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO CTAS GRANT

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the Resolution **4/11/12A** pertaining to Authorizing application for grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Grant to improve public safety and victim services in Tribal communities under Purpose Area #1 Public safety and community policing (COPS), Purpose Area #3 Justice systems, and alcohol and substance abuse (BJA) and Purpose Area #6 Enhanced responses to violence committed against Indian women and girls (OVC). Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROJECT TEAM TO DISPENSE GRANT MONIES

Robert Bear moved to approve Resolution **4/11/12B** authorizing the project team to dispense grant monies and waive procurement policies for the one million dollar grant from Shakopee. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to adjourn. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kathy Hanson
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council